

REMARKS

In the above referenced Office Action, the Examiner rejects claims 1-7, 10, and 14-15. The Examiner also allows claims 17-20, and objects to claims 8, 9, 12, 13, and 16 since they depend from rejected independent claims. Applicant thanks the examiner for the identification of patentable subject matter.

The Examiner objects to Claim 3 under 35 U.S.C. 112 as lacking an antecedent basis for the term "fog chamber." Claim 3 has been amended to more clearly show that it invokes the limitation of generating a fog specifically in a fog chamber, as defined by the invention. As amended, the tem "fog chamber" properly builds an antecedent basis. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection to Claim 3 is respectfully requested.

The Examiner rejects claims 1-7 under 35 U.S.C. 102 as being anticipated by *Laughlin*. The Examiner states that *Laughlin* teaches a method of generating a fog, as claimed in the application's claims 1-7. Claim 1 has been amended to more clearly state the structure of the invention by pointing out detail of the nozzle called out in the application on page 11, lines 3-20. Specifically, Claim 1 now calls out the limitation of the nozzle having a disk fan having fan-blades to more evenly disperse the fog, which is not taught, shown, or suggested by *Laughlin*. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner withdraw the rejection to Claim 1 based on *Laughlin*. It is also respectfully requested that the Examiner withdraw the rejections to those claims that depend from claim 1.

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The Examiner rejects claims 11 and 14 under 35 U.S.C. 102 as being anticipated by *McCain*. The Examiner states that *McCain* teaches a tanning system comprising a fog chamber, a pump system, and a control system connected to the pump system. The Applicant respectfully points out that the control called out by *McCain* is specified as being a token receptacle control that delays the start of misting (column 4, lines 23-25), and this teaching is further called out specifically as being a token-receptacle in *McCain*'s claim 1. Accordingly, *McCain* cannot be said to teach more than a coin-receptacle and time delay. Accordingly, Claim 1 has been amended to more clearly state the invention by excluding the teachings of *McCain*. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner withdraw the rejection to Claim 11 based on Laughlin. It is also respectfully requested that the Examiner withdraw the rejections to claim 14, which depends from claim 1. Furthermore, since claim 15 also depends from now allowable claim 11, the rejection to claim 15 based on 35 U.S.C. 103 is respectfully requested.

The independent claims from which Claims 8, 9, 12, 13, and 16 depend are amended below and are believed to now be allowable. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the objection to claims 8, 9, 12, 13, and 16.

Other references made of record but not relied upon in the Office Action are considered no more relevant to the invention than the reference relied upon by the Examiner.

In summary, in addition to allowed claims 17-20, it is believed that pending, but not yet allowed Claims 1-16 are now allowable, and allowance of said claims is respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any other matters which remain, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the under signed attorney to resolve these matters by Examiners Amendment where possible.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In the Claims

Claim 1 has been amended as follows:

1. (Amended) A method of generating a fog with a tanning solution, comprising:
applying a predetermined pressure to the tanning solution; and
passing the tanning solution through a nozzle such that as the solution
leaves the nozzle a fog is generated[.], the nozzle comprising at least a disk fan.
3. (Amended) The method of Claim 1 wherein the fog is generated in a fog chamber, and further comprising the act of holding the fog in [a] the fog chamber for a predetermined time.
11. (Amended) A tanning system that generates a fog with a tanning solution, comprising:
a fog chamber;
a pump system in fluid communication with the fog chamber; and
a control system coupled to the pump system, the control system proving at least one function other than coin-receiving and time-delay.